

## THIS WEEK

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## CDCR Breaks Ground on New Prison Health Care Facility In Stockton Complex

CDCR and California Prison Health Care Services (CPHCS) broke ground on a 1,722-bed inmate medical facility southeast of Stockton to strengthen inmate medical care and create thousands of jobs. The ceremony, on the site of the former Division of Juvenile Justice



Karl Holton Youth Correctional Facility, was attended by elected officials, local dignitaries and CDCR and CPHCS officials.

The groundbreaking marked CDCR's third Assembly Bill 900 (AB 900) construction project launched this year. In June, CDCR broke ground on a 64-bed

intermediate-care mental health facility at California Medical Facility in Vacaville and a 45-bed acute/intermediate-care mental health facility for female inmates at California Institution for Women in Corona. AB 900, also known as the Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007, signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, provides \$7.7 billion to add 53,000 prison and jail beds. The legislation provided funding for beds for treatment, rehabilitation and to reduce prison overcrowding.

"We have made tremendous progress on construction projects initiated by AB 900," said CDCR Secretary Matthew Cate. "This new facility will enhance safety and security at all CDCR prisons, while creating new jobs in San Joaquin County.

It supports our mission, frees up bed space and staff at other facilities and contributes to the local economy."

The medical facility will treat physically and mentally ill inmates. Construction is expected to be completed within three years. Security will include a 13-foothigh lethal electrified fence surrounding the facility and a 24-hour roving patrol.

"The California Health Care Facility in Stockton is a hallmark achievement for the health care in our prisons," said Receiver J. Clark Kelso. "It helps California move toward compliance with federal court orders for inmate health care."



Dignitaries from CDCR and CPHCS break ground at the ceremony.

## New Report Shows Recidivism Rate Decline For Adult Offenders Released From Prison

CDCR released a new publication, the 2010 Adult Institutions Outcome Evaluation Report. The report shows an overall decline in one-year recidivism rates since 2005, a watershed year marked by the Governor's commitment

to add "Rehabilitation" to CDCR's title and mission.

"These results are very encouraging," said CDCR Secretary Matthew Cate.

"I am committed to continuing our rehabilitation efforts to help recidivism rates decline even further."

The report shows that one-year recidivism rates fell from 49.1 percent for offenders released from prison in fiscal year 2005/06 to 47.5 percent for offenders released in fiscal year 2007/08.

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45%

40%

35%

30%

2005-06 2006-07 2007-08

Fiscal Year of Release

This chart shows the decline in recidivism rate.

This recidivism measure includes inmates returned to prison for new crimes or for parole violations.

More than 100,000 offenders have been released each year from CDCR prisons since fiscal year 2004/05, magnifying

the effect of even slight changes in recidivism rates.

"The 1.6 percentage point overall drop in recidivism we see here represents a decrease in thousands of crimes," said Steven Chapman, Assistant Secretary, Office of Research.

To view the report, see the link: http://www.cdcr.ca/Adult Research Branch/Research Documents/ARB FY056 Outcome Evaluation Report. pdf